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of Tesla-Electronic is located in Prague II, Karlove Na-
mesti 4 or 6, and the building is heavily guarded. Detail-
ed production and output of Tesla combine is unknown [redacted]

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4. At some later date several smaller plants belonging orig-
inally to Osram and Tungsram Electric companies also enter-
ed the Tesla combine. Tesla combine employs many female
workers. Recently two technicians of Tesla combine were
awarded "National Reward", the Czechoslovak equivalent of
the Stalin Prize.
5. [redacted] at a regular CP meeting in the Ministry of
Foreign Trade early in 1951, the speaker on "Political
Situation" talking about the espionage trial in Prague,
mentioned the name of R Vogeler, sentenced and later re-
leased in Budapest. It was stated that Vogeler had engaged
in some "dirty" activities in the Tesla combine.
6. Until 1949 the Tesla combine was making strong efforts to
export products to the western markets. At that time the
Commercial Office in New York was requested several times
to assist in sale of radios, electrical appliances, etc.
on US markets. Yet, except for samples, there was no
business of any importance in this field in the US.
More was sold to South American countries. [redacted]
[redacted] this combine is participating in construction of radio trans-
mitting stations in satellite countries.
7. In 1949, Kovo, the Czechoslovak national export enterprise
took over all foreign trade outlets of the Skoda Works and
the Czechoslovak Metal and Engineering Works and their
branches abroad. [redacted] there was a Kovo outlet in Brazil,
called Omnipol du Brazil, and another one in Argentina with
the same name. The Kovo outlet in Canada carried on some
trade with Latin America and was called Omnitrade Inc. It
was located either in Toronto or in Montreal. The Kovo Co.
in Prague is headed by Mr Vladimir Kratky (his very close
and old friend is Mr Anthony Fryd or Fried from New York,
who represented the former Czechoslovak metal and Engineer-
ing Works, prior to the establishment of Kovo). The working
relationship between Kovo and Tesla is the same as between
other foreign trade companies and production enterprises.
This means that their operations are completely separated.
In the same way the Elektra national corporation, selling
Tesla products on the domestic markets, is completely
separated from Tesla's national production enterprise.
8. [redacted] one large plant was
recently built in Roznov pod Radhostem in Moravia, and a-
nother one in Valasske Mezerici district. [redacted]
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